



## Norwegian Genealogical Collections

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Many genealogical collections can be found to help you in your search for your Norwegian ancestors, and among those are the following:

- **Delgobe Samlinger:**  
5.400 families primarily from Norway and Denmark, but includes some Germans, Brits, French, and Swedes. The collection consists of pedigrees, letters, newspaper clippings, photos, articles, and various notes. Delgobe can be "sloppy", but has a tremendous amount of information, and it is definitely worth one's time to look at his notes carefully. Many persons have traces their lines back to the 1500's; one family goes back to the 1400's. This collection can be found on [www.digitalarkivet.no](http://www.digitalarkivet.no) (under genealogiske samlinger/genealogical collections)
- **Hornemann:**  
This collection includes for the most part persons connected to the Hornemann family by blood or marriage. Can be found at the Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah 929.2489 Q93
- **Lassen:**  
A compilation of many Norwegian family genealogies, Post Office personnel, biographical extractions from newspapers, sermons by various priests, journals, extractions of church records, family histories. Can be found on [www.digitalarkivet.no](http://www.digitalarkivet.no) (under genealogiske samlinger/genealogical collections)
- **Munthe, Gerhard:**  
A collection of research notes, pedigree charts, newspaper clippings, correspondence, extractions of church records, censuses, and probate records. Can be found at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah on various microfilms. To find the microfilms go to the FHLC and type "Munthe" in "author search".
- **Adelige og borgelige familier:**  
Genealogies over lower nobility and upper class families in Norway, Denmark, Germany, France, and England. Information found in this collection includes names, dates and places of birth and death, spouses and children, and some short biographies. This is in a restricted area, but can be found at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah on floor B1 in access services, and is on Fiche only: # 6350007
- **Bygdebøker:**  
Most Norwegians lived in farming communities. According to one scholar 80-90% of the Norwegian population lived on farms in 1801; while in 1865 75% were.

Those of us doing Norwegian research are very lucky in that most rural areas have "Bygdebøker"/farm books. The books usually start by giving a history of the area going back to pre-historic times. These books are filled with genealogical information pertaining to the families living on specific farms. Information is taken from birth, marriage, deaths, census records, probate, court records (which predates parish registers), individual remembrances, letters, beautiful pictures of people and farms. These books are found under the individual parishes. (So, in order to be able to use these books you need to know the parish your ancestors lived in). The families are organized chronologically within each farm.

Most farm books are found in book form, but some can be found online as well. To see what farm books we have here at the FHL, you can search by typing the parish name in the FHLC, and look for the category "genealogies".

There are some parishes with links to online family histories from the catalog.

To do an online search for a farm book, type the name of your parish in your browser followed by the word "bygdebok". (Stange bygdebok; Askim bygdebok...)

- **Fantefortegnelser 1862:**  
Stories and pedigrees of numerous "gypsy" families in 1862. Can be found at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah: BI floor: Scand 948.1 F2f
- **Individual family histories:**  
Information varies from family to family, but most include names of spouses and children, dates and places of birth, information on education and occupation, travel, emigration, illnesses, friends, and some information on ancestors back a few generations. There can also be stories and memories of family members that can have great genealogical value. Check the FHLC by doing a "surname" search for the last name you are looking for.
- **Biographies:**
  - Norsk Biographisk Leksikon (Norwegian Biographical Encyclopedia). 19 vols. (FHL book 948.1 D36n)
  - Scandinavian Biographical Index (FHL book 948 D32s)

### Some genealogical collections can be found online

Delgobe and Lassen collections can be found on [www.digitalarkivet.no](http://www.digitalarkivet.no) under the heading "genealogiske samlinger" or "genealogical collections".

Most genealogical collections are in book form. Many can be found at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

To locate them you need to go to FamilySearch.org, and do a search in the FHLC under "Norway". There will be a subject heading called "genealogies", click on that, and the various collections will appear.

To see if the FHL has books in its collections that might be of interest to you just type in the name you are looking for in the FHLC. You could do a search for author, subject, title, surname, or keyword.

You can also do a “Google” search online, and look for the name of interest to you.

**There are also many other local, regional, national archives, and libraries who have numerous collections.**

These are a few:

- Norwegian American Genealogical Center and Naeseth Library in Wisconsin
- University of North Dakota
- NAHA (Norwegian American Historical Association), St Olaf’s College in Northfield, Minnesota
- Vesterheim (The National Norwegian-American Museum and Heritage Center), special collections and archives. Located in Decorah, Iowa

An important note! There are many libraries and archives in Norway worth visiting that have great collections, a great added reason (excuse) to visit a very beautiful country ☺